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SUBJECT : FY - 76 COMMERCIAL BUDGET PACKAGE

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1. BAHRAIN IMPORTS FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1974 SHOW DEFINITE INCREASE, AND WE ARE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT US RECEIVING A MUCH LARGER SHARE THAN PREVIOUS YEARS. INCREASED REVENUES FROM OIL SHOULD PUSH BAHRAIN'S IMPORTS TO RECORD HIGHS WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN COMMERCIAL SECTION WORKLOAD. STAFF INCREASES NOW BEING CARRIED OUT IN OTHER EMBASSY SECTIONS SHOULD RELIEVE ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT OF PERIPHERAL DUTIES. THEREFORE WE ARE UNABLE TO JUSTIFY ADDITION STAFF POSITION AT THIS TIME. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT INCREASES IN FUNDS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES WILL BE FORTHCOMING TO HELP STRENGTHEN OUR COMMERCIAL POSITION FOR FY-76. (SEE PARA 3 BELOW).

2. AS REQUESTED PARA 5 REFTTEL, FOLLOWING ARE ROUGH ESTIMATES FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES FOR FY 1974:

A. COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION	\$750
B. LIBRARY	\$300
C. TRAVEL	\$550
D. CONTRACT SERVICES	\$120
E. NEWSLETTER (COST OF PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING LOCAL EMBASSY NEWSLETTER AND COST OF DISTRIBUTING BEIRUT NEWSLETTER; PRO-RATA SHARE OF COST OF PRINTING BEIRUT NEWSLETTER UNKNOWN)- \$100	

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3. FOLLOWING ARE BEST ESTIMATES OF NEEDS IN SAME CATEGORIES FOR

FY 76. JUSTIFICATION INCLUDED WHERE NEEDED.

A. COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION \$2000

B. LIBRARY \$300

C. TRAVEL (IF POSITION OF REO KUWAIT IS ABOLISHED, POST ECON/
COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILL NEED TO TRAVEL TO NEARBY POSTS TO KEEP
CURRENT WITH REGIONAL AND REGIONALLY FUNDED DEVELOPMENTS) \$1500

D. CONTRACT SERVICES \$500

E. NEWSLETTERS (PLUS PRO-RATA SHARE BEIRUT

NEWSLETTER) \$200

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